

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council

Minutes – January 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Norene Coller, Chair.

Members present: Norene Coller, Barbara Mansell and Bill Relyea.

Members of the public present: None.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2015, was made by Bill Relyea and seconded by Barbara Mansell. All members voted in favor.

Communications: Norene relayed a telephone conversation she had recently with Chris Rohrbach of the Wappingers Intermunicipal Council (WIC) about a representative from Clinton attending the quarterly meetings of the group. Bill observed that he had been active for some years. A discussion was held about whether Clinton would benefit from participating.

New Business: None.

Finances:	Source	Amount	Spent	Remaining
	Town of Clinton	\$800.00	0	\$800.00

Goals for 2016: Members will talk to the new staff in the building office about maps and information which the CAC has obtained for the town to make better informed decisions about land use.

Open Space: Members reviewed recommendations from the Open Space Plan, noting that progress had been made by CAC members and Zoning Revision Committee concerning certain recommendations. More discussion will follow about recommendations about water resources and wildlife habitat.

Water, Watersheds and Wetlands: No new information.

Biodiversity: The CAC hopes to continue to work with Hudsonia involving land use decisions.

Education and Outreach: Barbara will prepare and distribute newcomer folders for the use of town offices.

Norene distributed information about the Emil Schoch award given to town residents who have preserved natural areas, established a farm management plan or maintained a historic home or structure. The award has been presented since 2001 at the Annual Meeting of the Clinton Historical Society on the first Friday in April. Members will further discuss this award at the next CAC meeting.

Nature Trail Subcommittee: Members will paint the trail markers in the spring to make them more visible.

Green Energy and Climate Change: No new information.

Zoning Revision: Members discussed the possibility of attending the Zoning Revision Committee meetings to better understand the issues before the committee. The group is discussing environmental matters which the CAC has had an interest in for many years.

Proposed Powerlines: No new information.

Old Business: No new information.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norene Coller

Norene Coller, Chair

Next CAC meeting: February 10, 2016 at 7 PM

